

Dear Friends of the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library,



Happy Lunar New Year of the Tiger! It is great to be able to have a new year celebration twice every year. I have not been able to find an image of the stamps for this year, however, at left is Unitrade 2349 from 2010.

According to <https://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-zodiac/tiger.htm> this is a lucky year for anyone who is an Ox or Goat and Rabbit, Dragon, Horse and Rooster will have a smooth life and good luck with money. I leave it to you to determine your lunar birth year.

We are open by appointment only, please contact Lee Ann at 416-921-2073 or [info@greenefoundation.ca](mailto:info@greenefoundation.ca) to arrange a time on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 11 and 3. We are considering an open Saturday.



As this is the most sleepy time of year we have not received many new books this month. However, I do want to mention that we now have a copy of the Anestis Karagiannidis collection published by Heinrich Kohler-Auktion in their Edition D'Or series: Greece – Small Hermes Heads 1886-1901. A very nice addition to our holdings.



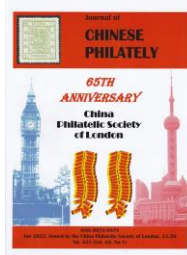
After featuring the Winnie the Pooh stamp in June, I started to think that there must be other stamps of books for children. And there are, this is Unitrade 2652, the souvenir sheet of Stella, they are Permanent stamps worth 63 cents when issued. *Collection Canada 2013* says: "Stella made her first appearance in 1999, in the children's story *Stella, Star of the Sea*. Written and illustrated by acclaimed Canadian children's author and illustrator Marie-

Louise Gay, the charming story about a little red-haired girl who loves the sea became an instant classic." She has since written several more Stella stories and more than 60 books in total. Like many authors she has a great web page, see <http://marielouisegay.com/>, or visit your local bookstore for her latest.



By now you have probably heard that Friend Michael Madesker died late last year at the age of 96, a great loss to the philatelic community. There is a lovely article in the latest *Canadian Stamp News* (v.46:no.21, Feb 1-14, 2022), see it online at <https://canadianstampnews.com/iconic-philatelist-rdp-signatory-michael-madesker-dies-at-96/>. This picture is from

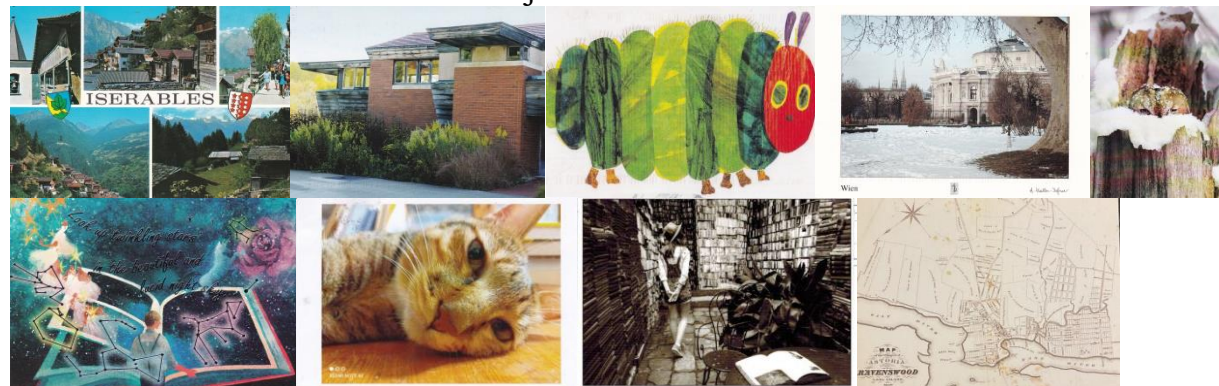
October 2005 showing Charles J.G. Verge and Michael.



Friend Sam Chiu has been very busy, he is now editor of the *Journal of Chinese Philately*, this is the cover of the January 2022 issue. The issue celebrates the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the China Philatelic Society of London, who publish the journal, and is v.64:no.1, the 421<sup>st</sup> issue. He has also just won a Gold in Literature at the Sarasota National Stamp Expo for his article in the *Canadian Philatelist* (TCP): *Adding New Knowledge: Canada's C-Force in Hong Kong* (in v.72:no.6, Nov/Dec

2021 issue). Gregg Redner won a Large Vermeil for his article in the same TCP issue: *The Philately of the 1920 Antwerp Olympic Games*. Congratulations to all.

In the October Friends I told you about PostCrossing (<https://www.postcrossing.com/>). Since then I have joined and sent out 17 cards and received these 9:



Switzerland, Frank Lloyd Wright, the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, the Burgtheater in Vienna, this funny/cute owl, the stars with a book, the sender's cat, an outdoor book shop and an old map of Long Island. It has been great fun!



In another follow up piece: dear Friend Robert Timberg sent in another story about a letter that arrived without an address, see: [https://nationalpost.com/news/world/royal-mail-delivers-letter-with-no-address-just-recipients-life-story-on-the-envelope?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=National%20Post%20-%20Posted%202022-01-10&utm\\_term=NP\\_HeadlineNews](https://nationalpost.com/news/world/royal-mail-delivers-letter-with-no-address-just-recipients-life-story-on-the-envelope?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=National%20Post%20-%20Posted%202022-01-10&utm_term=NP_HeadlineNews). I am again reminded how much I like snail mail.



Friend Michel Houde sent in this story from an unexpected source: Scientists Settled a Century-Old Family Drama Using DNA from Postcards. Find the article by Grace Browne at:

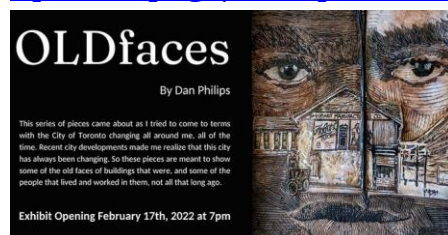
<https://www.wired.com/story/dna-artifact-testing/>.



The American Philatelic Society has large online presence, check out <https://stamps.org/news/sc/stampchats/p/1> for the stamp chats. This is the recent one by Gregg Redner whose article is above. While you are there you can find the sneak peek video (Behind the Scenes Ep.10) of this piece of news: Friend Gary Loew, Editor in Chief of the American Philatelist has stepped down while the former Deputy Editor and Friend Susanna Mills will be filling the position.



In the area of "it pays to go back and look again" I recently found an article at Linn's online that might be of interest, see: <https://www.linns.com/news/postal-updates-page/stamp-issuing-entities-of-the-world.html>.



Toronto's First Post Office continues to present exhibits with this one opening on Thursday, 17 February. See: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/exhibit-opening-old-faces-tickets-230384294627> for more information. The monthly letter-writing social is 13 February from 2-3 pm by Zoom.





And while I am on the topic of history, I came across this site: <https://www.historicacanada.ca/>. The site is sponsored by Canada Post, the CRB Foundation and ACTRA. The reason you might want to go look is that there are postal connections for the Heritage Minutes (<https://www.historicacanada.ca/heritageminutes>) including: Elsie MacGill, the Discovery of Insulin, Lucy Maud Montgomery and D-Day.



From the latest issue of Die Briefmarke: Post un Philatelie in Österreich there is an ad for: <http://www.thestampchannel.at/>. It is powered by <https://marke-philatelist.com/> in Austria and has three kinds of talks released each week on YouTube: behind the stamps, the stamp show and PhilaTalk. At least some of the postings seem to be in English.



On a more humorous note, I recently signed up for a newsletter from librarianship.ca. Much of it may not be of interest, however they have a blog posting of images of Tilda Swinton that look like various libraries. Check it out at: <https://librarianship.ca/blog/tilda-swinton-canadian-libraries/>.



While searching for some information online I found this article: <https://www.history.com/news/mauling-children-post-office> from the History Channel. This is not the only such reference we have a book in our collection: *The Englishman Who Posted Himself and Other Curious Objects* by John Tingey published in 2010 by Princeton Architectural Press, New York. There were a number of articles about the same topic such as:



<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/brief-history-children-sent-through-mail-180959372/> and this one that has a reference to a case that is also in a book: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/retropolis/wp/2017/05/24/mail-that-baby-a-brief-history-of-kids-sent-through-the-u-s-postal-service/>. The book is called *Mailing May* by Michael O. Tunnell, illustrated by Ted Rand.



Time is flying by and CAPEX'22 is coming up quickly. The website has started a new series *Society Spotlight* which will feature all of the attending societies. Find it at: <https://capex22.org/our-story/whats-new/>. While you are there, check out all the features and consider volunteering, use the Contact button to send them a message.



There are many holidays this month, for starters it is Black History Month. This is Unitrade 2315-6 from 2009, the first year Canada Post did commemorative stamps. Perhaps because it is also cold and dark there are lots of library and book-related holidays: it is Library Lovers' Month with the 14<sup>th</sup>



being Library Lovers Day. This stamp is B22 issued in 2015. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Read Aloud Day, see <https://www.litworld.org/worldreadaloudday/> or <https://www.litworld.org/learn-more-about-wrad>, and sponsored by: <https://www.scholastic.com/worldreadaloudday?linkId=109598895>. The 9<sup>th</sup> is Read in the Bathtub Day; the 14<sup>th</sup> is Book Giving Day (nice that it is

the same as Valentine's Day), see <https://bookgivingday.com/> or <https://www.thecuriousreader.in/essays/book-giving-day/>. In Toronto you can donate children's books to <https://www.childrensbookbank.com/>.

The 26<sup>th</sup> is Tell a Fairy Tale Day, also sponsored by publishers, see



<https://www.pearsoncanadaschool.com/index.cfm?locator=PS34Lv> or <https://www.science.org/content/article/some-fairy-tales-may-be-6000-years-old>. There are some writer's birthdays too: the 7<sup>th</sup> is Charles Dickens, 12<sup>th</sup> is Judy Blume, the 18<sup>th</sup> is Amy Tan and the 27<sup>th</sup> is John Steinbeck. Unitrade 1811 is used here because the 8<sup>th</sup> is Kite Flying Day, maybe not in Canada. The 19<sup>th</sup> is Single Tasking Day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> is World Thinking Day and the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> is Freedom to Read Week (<https://www.freedomtoread.ca/>). This stamp, #2323, is used for the 18<sup>th</sup>, the day Pluto was discovered, The Carina Nebula (in the background) is my favourite nebula. And we cannot forget the February 23 is Aviation Day in Canada, see: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/campaigns/national-aviation-day-february-23>.



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While Willow Walks ... Pineapple Finials, part 2



You already know that I like these pineapple sculptures from the Nov 2021 Friends. That time they were concrete ones for masonry columns and pedestals. These ones are from iron fence gates. There are a wide variety of sizes, the smallest at left

is only about 5 inches tall while the one at the right is about a foot. Here are some more stamps, all images courtesy of Amos Media, thank you. Still no Canadian ones.



These ornaments are still available from a wide variety of regular stores as well as specialty sources. An article on why they are used in architecture is available at: <https://www.houzz.com/magazine/design-mystery-why-do-pineapples-sprout-up-in-home-design-stsetivw-vs~21637086> or try <https://daggettbuilders.com/why-is-that-pineapple-on-the-gate-post/>, <https://www.oldhouseweb.com/blog/just-for-fun-whats-with-the-pineapple.html/>.

As the situation continues to evolve I hope you all take care of yourselves and those you love, keep well and safe,

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